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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND PEACE.

OUTSPOKEN REPLY TO GERMAN NOTE.

BRITAIN SUSPICIOUS OF GERMANY'S MOTIVES.

December 19, 4.30 p.m.

A record attendance is expected at to-day's memorable meeting of the House of Commons.

Mr. Asquith will probably be present, and Mr. Lloyd George, who was working yesterday, is likely to speak for two hours. His reference to the German peace offering will be the first official announcement on the Note, which was presented to the Foreign Office yesterday.

France Receives the Peace Note.

December 19, 4.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the American Ambassador handed the Foreign Office the German Peace Note, which is identical to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's statement in the Reichstag, consisting of a general proposal, with no concrete conditions.

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

December 19, 7.15 p.m.

In the course of a speech in the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, said he appeared before the House with the most terrible responsibility that could fall on the shoulders of any living man—as the chief adviser of the Crown in the most gigantic war in which the country had ever engaged, a war upon the events of which its destiny depends. "It is," declared the Prime Minister, "the greatest war ever waged, and its burdens are the heaviest ever cast upon this or any other country, while the issues are the gravest which have ever attached to any conflict in which humanity has been involved."

"The responsibilities of the new Government have been suddenly accentuated by the declaration of the German Chancellor. The statement made by the latter in the Reichstag has been followed by a Note presented to us by the United States without comment. The answer will be given by the Government in full accord with our brave Allies. Naturally there has been an interchange of views, not upon the Note, because it has only recently arrived, but upon the speech which propelled it, and inasmuch as the Note itself is practically only a reproduction, or certainly a paraphrase, of that speech, the subject-matter of the Note itself has been discussed formally."

"I am very glad to be able to state that we have each separately and independently arrived at identical conclusions. I was very glad that the first answer was given by France and Russia, for they have unquestionably the right to give the first answer to such an invitation. The enemy is still on their soil. Their sacrifices have been greater. That answer has already been published, and on behalf of the Government, I give clear and definite support to it."

"Any man," continued Mr. Lloyd George, "or any set of men who wantonly, or without sufficient cause, prolonged a terrible conflict like this would have on his soul a crime that oceans could not cleanse. On the other hand, it is equally true that any man or set of men who, from a sense of weariness or despair, abandoned the struggle without achieving the highest purpose for which we entered it, would have been guilty of the most costly act of profligacy ever perpetrated by any statesman. I should like to quote the very well-known words of Abraham Lincoln under similar conditions:—'We accepted this war for an object, and a world of joy, and the war will end when that object is attained under God. I hope it will never end until that time.'"

"Are we likely," continued the Prime Minister, "to achieve that object by accepting the German Chancellor's invitation? What are the proposals? There are none. To enter a conference on the invitation of Germany; proclaiming herself victorious without any knowledge of the proposals she proposes to make, is to put our heads into a noose with the rope-ends in Germany's hands. This country is not altogether without experience in these matters. This is not the first time we have fought a great military despotism overshadowing Europe, and it will not be the first time we have helped to overthrow military despotism. We can recall one of the gravest of these despots—when he had a purpose to serve in working his nefarious schemes, his favourite device was to appear in the guise of an angel of peace. He usually appeared under those conditions when he wished for time to assimilate his conquests or to reorganise his forces for fresh conquests, or, secondly, when his subjects showed symptoms of fatigue and war weariness. The appeal was always made in the name of humanity, and he demanded an end to bloodshed, at which he professed himself to be horrified, but for which he himself was mainly responsible. Our ancestors were taken in once and bitterly they and Europe rue it, for the time was devoted to reorganising his forces for a deadlier attack than ever upon the liberties of Europe. Examples of that kind cause us to regard this Note with a considerable measure of reminiscent disquietude."

[The above message is incomplete. In the event of the concluding editions arriving in time, they will appear on an Extra.—Ed. H. K. T.]

THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

December 19, 4.40 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Winstrey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture) announced that the Government intended to guarantee a fixed price for wheat in the season 1916-17.

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THE GREEK CRISIS.

An Impossible Situation.

December 19, 4.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens, wiring on December 18, says the situation is uncertain.

The Entente diplomats are exchanging views regarding the second Note.

The Press now describes the situation as impossible, and urges the Government to take vigorous measures to terminate it.

The New Ultimatum Ready.

December 19, 6.25 p.m.

Reuter learns that the draft of the new ultimatum to Greece is settled, and that its presentation is imminent.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

French Heavily Bomb Enemy Points.

December 19, 4.00 p.m.

A French communique says:—The enemy has bombarded the region of Louvemont and Chambray.

Two enemy aeroplanes were brought down at Verdun, and our air squadrons heavily bombed the railway stations at Don-sur-Meuse and Montmedy, and bivouacs at Auzannes.

Huge Enemy Losses on the Somme.

December 19, 4.40 p.m.

It is stated that an independent estimate by the British General Staff of the German losses on the Somme, substantially coincides with the French unofficial estimate of 800,000.

THE PLOT AGAINST POLAND.

Fraudulent Promise of Independence.

Petrograd, Nov. 12.—Nothing

more important, nothing more illuminating, has happened this autumn than the German proclamation of the independence of Russian Poland. It lights up in a flash the German situation, and it is a sharp reminder to the Allies that the time has come to make very clear the aims of the war.

On the part of the Germans this must be said: Once and for all it is their confession of defeat. This is the fundamental fact that must be borne in mind amid all all discussion of Polish sufferings and of our own shortcomings.

The Germans did not want to undertake the solution of the Polish problem. They know perfectly well that there was no solution within their power that would not place them in a false, not to say a ridiculous, position. They have been dallying with the question for a year, hoping to evade insuperable difficulties by vague promises and confessedly futile negotiations.

Prussia cannot give Poland her independence, because Prussia was based on the destruction of Polish independence. The constant factor in the growth of Prussian power has been oppression of Poland. From the times of the Teutonic order down to the partition Germans were unremitting in their efforts to build up a State in the basin of the Vistula and the Oder. That State is Prussia, and during the nineteenth century Prussia, by means of ruthless oppression of the Poles of Posen, and by restless intrigues in Russia and Austria, has taken the utmost pains to guard against the resurrection of Polish power.

Junkerism and Polish independence are absolutely incompatible. Prussian militarism is at an end the day that Poland is reunited and free. Unless Germany ceases to be the Germany we know, unless Germany throws off the domination of that caste that began the war and that dictates the whole conduct of the war inside the Central Powers, she is incapable of finding a solution of the Polish problem. We are fighting Prussian militarism, and for the liberation of re-united Poland is not merely a humanitarian

ideal, not merely a detail in the general process of liberating the small nations: it is an essential element of victory, and a persistent effort to find a solution will help us to win the victory.

In this respect we have been lax and dilatory, and our negligence has enabled the Germans to make an impudent attempt to confuse the issues and to gain time. The result for the Coalition may be wholesome if it arouses a more determined effort to define precisely and concretely the aims of the war. But it must be repeated that the enemy proclamations are a reluctant exposure of German weakness. The announcement of the independence of Russian Poland hardly pretends to conceal a desperate attempt to drag together a few thousand embittered men to fill the depleted ranks of the Central Armies.

A year ago Bethmann-Hollweg declared that the course of events had compelled the Central Powers to take up and solve the Polish question in their own interests. But despite long and intricate consultations between Berlin, Vienna and Warsaw the problem persistently refused to yield any solution in the German sense. It was only when steady pressure on the Somme, the final collapse of the Verdun enterprise, the advance of the Italians on Trieste and the check in Rumania had closed every hope of a miraculous escape from defeat that the Germans resolved on that pitiful pretence of a solution that has now been proclaimed to the world.

It may be imagined with what mingled feelings the Poles of War saw read General von Seeber's posters on Saturday morning: Independence, a King, a Constitution—magic words that leaped into activity hopes numbed by inanition. Was the Barocco Poland by the big Vistula bridge once more to be the home of the Polish Court? Were eighteenth-century splendours to be revived in the park of Poniatowski? Was the White Eagle once more to fly over the long captive city? Was a Polish Diet, elected by Poles, to work out all the implications of Polish freedom?

The words were there, but nothing was said of the date of their realization. The one definite statement was that there was to be a Polish army, which was to be recruited at once and dovetailed into the armies of the Central Powers. But who is to be the King and what the Constitution?

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CAPT. BLAIKIE.

Not to Share Capt. Fryatt's Fate.

December 19, 4.40 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that Germany had given an assurance that Captain Blaikie would not share the fate of Captain Fryatt, as the German Admiralty considers that the Caledonia was an armed cruiser and that Captain Blaikie was only doing his duty in attempting to rem the submarine.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

CANADA'S MUNITION FACTORIES.

December 18, 7.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says Canada has 600 munition works, and is spending thereon two and a half times the normal yearly expenditure of the Dominion.

WARRANT FOR ARREST OF M. VENIZELOS.

December 18, 9.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens says a warrant has been issued for the arrest of M. Venizelos for alleged high treason.

THE MAGELLAN TORPEDOED.

December 18, 10.10 p.m.

According to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, a Berlin message reports the torpedoing of the troopship Magellan (8,000 tons), with 1,000 aboard.

A Marseilles telegram states that everyone aboard the Magellan was rescued.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

Captured Aeroplane Wins Loudest Cheers.

Bright sunshine and a blue sky—happy omen—marked Lord Mayor Sir William Dunn's progress through the City to the Law Courts, on November 9.

Those who remember the tumultuous cheers, which were accorded the London Scottish Battalion which formed part of the Lord Mayor's Show of 1914—just after the affair of Mesines—were not that though this was also a martial procession, the public demonstrations approximated more to the sober and controlled enthusiasm of an average English crowd.

All along the way, from Eastcheap to Whitehall, there were dense crowds of interested men and women and of hugely delighted children. Most of the cheering was reserved for the Chelsea volunteers in a couple of carriages, who enjoyed their outing to the full, and for the captured German aeroplane with Union Jack flying above the Eagle.

Special constables were of immense value to the police in the work of keeping the route. Many long past military sergeants in their Volunteer khaki-grey and small boys in Scout uniform marched along with very military bearing, sandwiched between detachments representing every part of the Empire. Men of the Australian Light Horse rode on magnificent horses of sombre grey, Canadians, New Zealanders, South Africans, infantry and cavalry of the Regular Army, Territorials, marines in white pith helmets, cadets, airmen, yeomanry, all were there to give token of the military and naval strength of these lands.

Behind a contingent of the Royal Flying Corps came a British aeroplane harnessed to a motor-car, its planes detached and pulled by a second car, and then the German aeroplane, which was captured by the R.F.C. in France.

Brilliant points of colour standing out from the khaki were the mounted Guards' Band in crimson and gold. A detachment of Boy Scouts was headed by a small boy in kilts leading a bulldog. A Trek party of the Lord Mayor's Own (City of London) Scouts followed, with their black and

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BOXING.

Flyweight Championship.

London, December 18.

In the boxing match for the world's flyweight championship Wilde knocked out Zulu Kid, of America, in the eleventh round.

British Heavyweight Championship.

London, December 18.

A twenty round contest took place at the National Sporting Club for the heavyweight championship of Britain between Staff Sergeant Wells and Sergeant Major Voyles.

In the first round Voyles was sent down three times, taking the count up to eight. In the second round he was again sent down three times, taking the count up to seven and nine. He was hardly able to raise himself and the referee intervened, declaring Wells the winner.

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DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.: Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.: New Hongkong Cinema—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Government House—Lecture by Capt. Pelliot; 5.15 p.m.: Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.: Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.: New Hongkong Cinema—9.15 p.m.

Saturday, December 23.

"Kismet"—Final Performance at the Theatre Royal; 9 p.m.: Tuesday, December 26: Hongkong Winter "Bisley."

MATTERS MUSICAL.

Lectures by Mr. Denman Fuller.

Mr. Denman Fuller will give a series of lectures, to which all are invited, on "Musical Appreciation" on Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29, at the Helena May Institute. A collection will be made at the conclusion of each lecture on behalf of the Fund for Blind Sailors and Soldiers.

The object of the lectures will be to enable those present to obtain a deeper knowledge and appreciation of good music, particularly of the type less heard. The compositions played and explained at the first lecture (January 8) will be Beethoven's F. minor (Opus 10), Prelude and Fugue in G. sharp minor (Bach), Sphinx (Gyral Scott).

At the last lecture, Mr. Fuller will deal with pieces suggested to him by the audience.

By kind permission of H. E. Sir Henry May, Mr. Denman Fuller will give a piano recital in the ball-room at Government House at the end of January, and at each of the four lectures, he will refer to and speak of the principal works he will play at that recital.

which has travelled over a thousand miles in England, Scotland, and France. Behind came three captured German guns, which evoked hearty cheers as men and horses of our own Artillery drew them through the City streets.

Sir W. Dunn took the customary oath in the Lord Chief Justice's Court, Lord Reading making a congratulatory speech.

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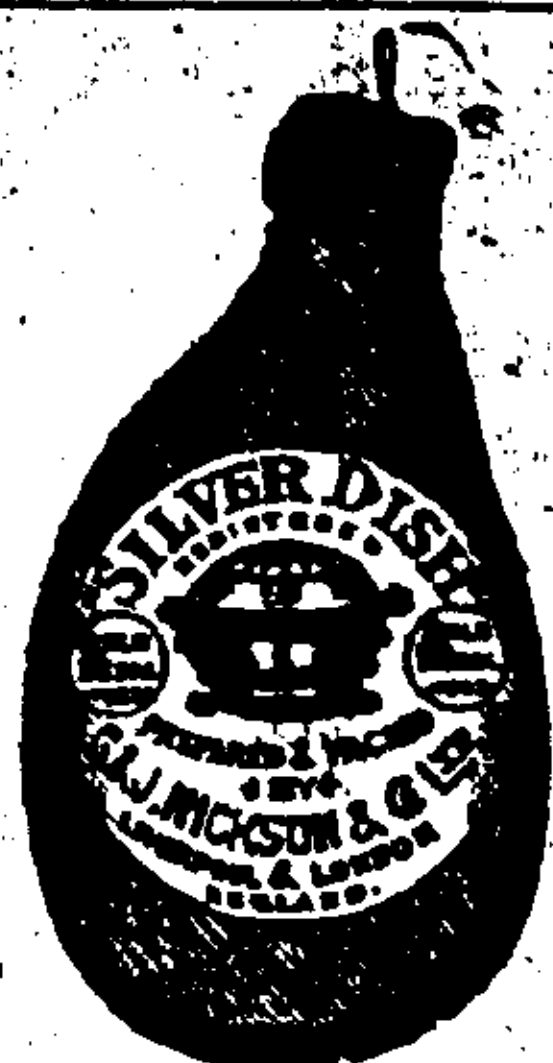
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GENERAL NEWS.

Commission for Kailan

Mr. E. J. Nathan, of the Kailan Mining Administration's Shanghai Staff, who left for home two months ago, has been granted a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant on the General Staff of the Army, but is at present employed at the Office of the Director General of Military Railways.

Hindenburg on Trial.

London, Nov. 16.—Herr Scheidemann writes to *Vorwaerts* that the Chancellor's declaration affords a basis for negotiations if their enemies will renounce the conquest of Germany. The refusal of a neutral mediator, which will soon be forthcoming, will involve responsibility for continuance of war.

Boy Scouts for Madras.

The Governor of Madras is organising a Boy Scout movement for India in Madras. There was a meeting at Government House, recently of head-masters and managers of Indian schools, presided over by his Excellency at which a committee consisting of a number of people interested in high school education in Madras, was appointed with a view to take the necessary initial steps.

The Late Wong Hing.

It was at first decided to bury the deceased Wong Hing on a piece of ground overlooking the West Lake in Hangchow. But, in deference to the desire of the deceased's family, and fellow provincials, this decision has been cancelled and his coffin will be shipped back to Hangzhou, leaving Shanghai the day after the memorial service on December 21 and 22. Space for the temporary accommodation of persons wishing to see the coffin embarked has been reserved at the Northern Wharf of the China Merchants' Co.

Portsmouth Dockyard Employees and War Service.

The Government Labourers' Union, Portsmouth, have been in communication with the Admiralty concerning the payment of dockyard employees called to the colours. Dr. Macnamara, in his reply, says the gratuity for which a dockyard worker who is killed or dies while on military service would have been eligible under the Superannuation Acts, is payable to his dependents. Moreover, the period of service in the Army is added to the dockyard service for the purposes of assessment of such award.

"Waste too Much Time in Hurting."

An envious Yankee has been expressing his bewilderment at the rapid mobilisation of the European armies compared with that of his own country. "When the war began," he says, plaintively, "it took Germany six days to mobilise 4,000,000 men and France eleven days to mobilise 3,000,000 men. But it took us eight days to put 28,000 militia men from the various States in their camps." He might have added it took the British Navy twenty-four hours or less to get ready. But the explanation is simple enough. The Yankees waste too much time in hurrying. — *Singapore Free Press*.

F.M.S. War Taxation.

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 8.—The Committee on war taxation met yesterday. It comprises Sir L. L. Brookes (chairman), Raja Bonadhar Sri Adika Raja, Tan Guan Mahkota, Loke Yew, So Tong Sang, Permainam Pillay, E. G. Broadrick, W. Smallwood, Kenny, Barnside, Hampshire, Clodd, Sims, McCallloch, Blair, and W. H. Martin. The F.M.S. War Contribution Committee has recommended among other things the following: Import duties on bicycles 10% ad valorem; motorbikes \$80 per case of 7,200 boxes; motor spirit 10 cents per gallon, that is to say 5 cents more than at present; motor vehicles, including motor cycles 10% ad valorem; tobacco, cigars and cigarettes increase of about 50 per cent; low grade tobacco 100 per cent. These taxes are subject to confirmation by the Federal Council. But it is necessary to make adjustments in order to secure a balance between the various taxes. — *Singapore Free Press*.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF
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SEALED bids plainly marked "Bids for purchase of P. I. Motor
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1	Trailer	2 ton	1,135.96	1,135.26	Hilo, P. I.
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- 1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky.
- 1 Bot. Gin.
- 1 Bot. Creme de Menthe.

Case No. 3—\$32.

- 2 Bot. St. Marcoux Champagne.
- 1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "D" Quality.
- 2 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 1 Bot. Very Fine OLD BROWN Brand "E" Quality.
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1916.

EVENTS IN GREECE.

The announcement that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of M. Venizelos, the Greek patriot, on a charge of high treason, will cause surprise in no quarter, we imagine. In the eyes of King Constantine and his pro-German military clique, he is no doubt a traitor, to the extent that he will not fall in with their ideals, which, if conceded, would inevitably mean the loss of national independence and individuality. But to the greater proportion of the Greek people, and to all other nations outside the Central Powers, he is, and will always be, looked upon as the saviour of the Hellenes—the man who, rejecting the most tempting offers of high office, has shown himself willing to run any risk in the high aim of securing a realization of his country's national aspirations.

There are those who would brand M. Venizelos as a revolutionary opportunist, but there is nothing in his attitude during the present war to in any sense justify such an unwarrantable strictures on the motives by which he has been actuated. Quite the reverse. He has, in a moment of great crisis, appeared as a self-effacing man, anxious only for the real well-being of his nationals. He has plainly stated that he is not heading an anti-dynastic movement for the establishment of a republic—what he aims at is merely to secure and establish a clear definition of the duties and rights of the Crown. And that he is embarking on no hare-brained scheme is evident from the fact that the Allies have not hesitated to recognize the Provisional Government which he has been responsible in forming. One of his plans is the formation of a real National Assembly whereby the Crown's rights, conforming to the Constitution, would be so defined that it would no longer be possible for anyone to pretend that because the King has the right to appoint Ministers, he has also the right for ever to form Cabinets composed of parasites and favorites not enjoying the nation's confidence. Similarly, M. Venizelos—who can speak feelingly on this point—holds that because His Majesty has the right to dissolve the Chamber, this does not invest him with the power arbitrarily to adjourn sessions of Parliament because a Minister will not become the blind organ of personal policy or monarchical views. These are the grounds upon which the Greek patriot takes his stand, as he has recently expressed them to an Athens journal. And they are thoroughly sound and constitutional grounds, too.

Holding the views that he does, and carrying a large measure of public support, it is no wonder that King Constantine, who is the real traitor of the piece, desires to get him out of the way. Already, we are told, some thousands of his supporters have been clapped into gaol, and three hundred of them shot. But if Greece's despicable monarch for one moment imagines that this is the way to crush out the peoples' national feelings he is sadly mistaken. As a whole, we do not doubt for a moment the direction in which Greek feeling lies at this critical moment—it is pro-Ally, essentially pro-British, and pro-Venizelist. But a miserable pro-German King holds the reins. That is the cause of all the unrest in the unhappy country to-day. By the latest move which he has taken, King Constantine definitely reveals himself as the enemy of his people, who, if they are wise in their day and generation, will see to it that he is speedily dethroned and cast out.

The Small-pox Epidemic.

The disease returns for the past week show that Hongkong is still pretty badly in the grip of small-pox, no fewer than sixty cases having been notified, of which forty-four terminated fatally. There were four British sufferers, too. This weekly statement, it must be remembered, merely gives the number of cases actually notified, and it is safe to reckon that there are very many more victims than are indicated in the return. The frequent cases of dumping recently brought to the notice of our magistrates provide sufficient evidence on that point. But while the disease is rampant at the moment, it must be acknowledged that the authorities are fully alive to the situation, and a tribute must be paid to the offlagging energies of the acting Medical Officer of Health and those whose working under him in combating the scourge. It is satisfactory, too, to hear that concerns which employ large numbers of Europeans and natives are alive to the facts. The Hongkong Hotel, for example, has had all its four hundred odd servants inoculated, and has prohibited native tradespeople from coming to its premises, while the staffs of most of the big firms in the Colony are required to undergo vaccination. The seriousness of the situation is therefore fully realized, and residents may rest assured that everything possible is being done to restrict the spread of the disease.

Shum Chun-huen's Latest.

Our readers will observe, that, according to a paragraph in another column of to-day's *Telegraph*, Shum Chun-huen, the worthy ex-Viceroy of Canton, is still something of a thorn in the flesh to the President. Li Yuan-hung, it seems, "requested him to accept the post of a first class political adviser and invited him to come up to Peking." Shum at once claimed to be suffering in the same manner as Luk Wing-ling—"from bad legs." Thereupon the President sent him a couple of thousand dollars "medical expenses." Shum, however, still declines to go to the capital, though he has condescended to take on the job of political adviser at \$2,000 a month. If President Li should elect to follow much of the advice given, he may find that his new mentor is one of the most expensive investments he ever handled. But the *Peking Daily News*, which is the source of our information in the matter, does not mince terms. It says plainly that this venerable sinner is in Shanghai, "busily engaged in forming a new political party." China should know her own business best, but from a foreigner's point of view the country has more than enough political parties as it is; and what she should really be seeking herself is: Why does the President allow himself to be defied by Mr. Shum?

Cheap Education.

We welcome the remarks of Sir J. H. Yoxall, quoted in our issue of yesterday, on English education. "The defects of the subordinate English business man," he said, "are due to his education." In other words, to his lack of it. The Britisher will certainly bear comparison with the man of any other nationality as regards innate ability, but all too often, whether in the "subordinate English business man" class or any other, that ability is never developed. There is something so utterly wrong with our Home system of education that the class which Sir James Yoxall singles out is more ignorant than the corresponding class in almost any Continental country. And, unfortunately, the same usually applies to other grades. Our professional men as a whole are famed for their ignorance, when once they get away from their own particular calling. Doctors, solicitors and Church of England clergymen are rarely well-read men, and only the better class of schoolmasters & journalists can offer much real claim to education. Of course it may be said that the professional man has no time to "keep up his reading." All of us know that this is a fact. But how comes it that a busy Frenchman or German of the middle classes still possesses so much wider a fund of information than a Britisher of the same rank?

DAY BY DAY.

NO ONE IS USELESS IN THE WORLD WHO LIGHTENS THE BURDEN OF IT FOR ANYONE ELSE.—Dickens.

The Malls.
Siberian Mail—Close per a.s. Kinkiang at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

European Mail (via Negapatam).—Due per a.s. Japan to-morrow.

Siberian Mail (London, Nov. 7).—Due per a.s. Luchow to-morrow.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.13/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 16th anniversary of the defeat of the Boxers by General Bailoud at Peichow.

Lecture.

His Excellency the Governor is to preside at to-morrow's lecture by Capt. Pelliot, at Government House.

Money Found.

A sum of money was found at the Theatre Royal on Monday night. It has been handed over to Messrs. Moutrie and Co., from whom the owner can obtain it on stating the correct amount.

Railway Accident.

An accident occurred on the Kowloon-Canton Railway yesterday, a coolie being knocked down near Fanning by a goods train. He was seriously injured and had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Alice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—Lai Kwai-pui, \$50; Chan Pik-chun \$50; Tang Chi-gong, \$25.

The Dominican Mission.
The Dominican Mission in the Far East celebrates its Seventh Centenary on the 22nd inst. The Order was recognized by Pope Honorius III on December, 22, 1216. The centre of the celebration is at Manila, where all the Bishops &c. from various Missions in the Far East will meet, including the Rev. Father F.R. Naval, the Procurator in Hongkong who left here last week for the occasion.

A Street Dispute.

A hawker was attempting to do business with a man near Des Voeux Road West yesterday when a heated dispute took place over the price to be paid for a singlet. Blows were struck and a crowd collected, which an Indian Sergeant sought to disperse but they did not desert, and he eventually had to take them to the Police Station for causing a disturbance. When charged before Mr. J.R. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, the men were remanded until to-morrow.

Snatcher Sentenced.
At the Police Court, before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, the story was told of how a woman was buying some articles from a hawker's stall in Centre Street when a man came along and snatched from her a head band, which was studded with pearls and said to be worth \$27. The man sought refuge from his pursuers in a house near by and when he was caught, the missing article was found on the verandah of the house. Defendant denied the charge, but his Worship sentenced him to three months' hard labour.

BOXING.

Corporal Scott to Defend Title.

In connection with the forthcoming boxing tournament arranged by the Police Reserve, which is due to take place at the City Hall on January 6, we understand that articles will be signed to-morrow between Corporal Scott, R.E., the present holder of the heavy-weight championship of the Colony, and Seaman Stapleton, who is challenging the holder's title.

Both men are in strict training, and as they are both about equal weight, a good fight should be seen.

Prior to the event there will no doubt be an opportunity to see Stapleton at work.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

Comments on Saturday's Games.

Keen interest was displayed in the R.E. v. K.S.L.I. match on Saturday, the teams playing before what was, perhaps, the largest crowd of spectators at any match this season. The records and merits of the two sides are well known, as is also their keen rivalry. Shropshire supporters lined the ropes of the Hongkong F.C. enclosure in a most optimistic frame of mind, and this feeling was evidently shared by their representative, who set about the business in hand in a quite determined manner. Goals were expected of them—goals they would get. Their efforts in the first half justified the confidence of their supporters, the only doubtful point, to them, being by how many goals they would win. The cappers, however, despite the absence of Smith at centre-half, refused to be regarded as a "points agency", and if they were not strong in attack it must be admitted their defence was excellent. Half-time found the very proud Salopians leading by one goal to nil. Pritchards having headed into the net from an ideal centre from the wing.

The second half was not a happy one for the Shropshires, for the cappers had by now pulled themselves together and with a more aggressive attack the latter's defence stiffened, with the result that play was more even and both goals were tested from time to time. The shock came when Miller sent in a terrific shot which the Shropshire goalie was unable to hold. This considerably heartened the cappers who, working on the principle that the game is never won until it is lost, again got busy and within a minute of time white, emulating the successful effort of his opponent Pritchards in the first half, headed into the net from a centre from the wing, thus giving his side a hard earned victory. The two points gained should prove very useful to the cappers, who now move up into second place in Division I, and the K.S.L.I. will have to take more advantage of their opportunities if they wish to leave their names inscribed on senior football trophies in Hongkong.

Hongkong F.C. again defeated the Navy, this time by two goals to nil. The attendance was very meagre, the reason for which was probably to be found in the other first division match. Hopes were entertained that the Navy would reverse the result of the previous Saturday, but they proved wanting in the hour (and ten minutes) of trial. The Club showed a slight improvement in form and had Stalker's substitute in the front rank been as capable in that position as was Stalker at back, the Club's goal average must have been materially increased. For the Navy, it cannot be said that they have improved in the least. Play in the first half was all in favour of the Club, but all their attempts to score were futile and half-time found the score sheet blank.

The opening stages of the second half promised well for the sailors, but the pressure was not maintained and gradually the Club again asserted themselves. The movement which brought about the downfall of the Navy goal was one of those to which the Club treat their supporters occasionally, wherein the whole forward line, takes part, and with one big rush they go through. It was a similar movement to that which gave them the Hongkong Shield at the end of last season, and a few more such as this would be appreciated by spectators, be they supporters or otherwise. Before the game closed the Club scored a second goal which put the matter beyond all doubt, and once again the sailors had to be content with the losers' end. Next Saturday finds them opposed to the R.E., whilst the K.S.L.I. meet the R.G.A., both U.S. League matches, and games which are certain to command a fair number of spectators, if only from the fact that it is usually at Christmas time that the big shuffie in League places commences.

OPIUM SYNDICATE IN LONDON.

Chinese with Big Stock fined £300.

In dealing with cases of illegal traffic in opium in East London the police have frequently thrown out hints that a wealthy man or syndicate was behind these transactions.

A peep behind the scenes was afforded in a prosecution at Thames Police Court, when Chief Inspector Detective Yeo stated that defendant in the case was said to be the agent for a rich syndicate, which used him and his premises for disposal of the opium. Two furnaces had been built at the rear for the preparation of the drug.

Defendant was a Chinaman named Ohay Fook, of High-street, Poplar, and he was charged with harbouring a quantity of opium. Inspector Jennings said that, in company with Customs officers, he visited defendant's premises, and found under the floor in a back bedroom 480 half-pound tins of opium and a quantity of raw opium. The single value and duty of the opium was £830.

Mr. Frank Durr, for the C. M. missioner of Customs and Excise, said the total value of the duty on the opium was £1,286. On the way to the police-station defendant told Chief Inspector Detective Yeo that he got the opium two months ago, but declined absolutely to say how it got into his possession.

Mr. Charcoellor (the magistrate) observed that a man having £830 worth of opium in his possession suggested that he must be a person of means.

A fine of £300, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment was passed.

Shum Chun-huen's Bad Legs.

Says the *Peking Daily News* of December 11.—In a letter to ex-Viceroy Shun Chun-huen, President Li requested him to accept the post of a first class political adviser and invited him to come up to Peking. The President has presented \$2,000 dollars as "medical expenses" to Shum, who is now suffering from "sore-leg" at Shanghai, but in reality he is busily engaged in forming a new political party. Shum declines to come up to Peking; but he has accepted the offer of President Li to become his first class political adviser at \$2,000 per month.

In Div. II, 88 Coy. R.G.A. met South China Athletic and the former continued their record spoiling career by defeating the Athletic by 1-0, but there was more luck than merit in the performance, Feng Tai putting the ball through his own goal. The Athletic were by far the cleverer team, 88 Coy.'s play being of the heavy, stolid order. This win places 88 Coy. in a far more favourable position in the table than they held a fortnight ago, their record now being seven points for five games played, whilst the Athletic have scored five points in four games. A draw would have been a fitting result of Saturday's game, the Athletic quite deserving one point for their cleverness and 88 Coy. the other for their doggedness. Both teams can still be regarded as having claims on the "champion" ship, the present leaders, D Coy. K.S.L.I., holding that position by virtue of eight points gathered in five games, S.O. Athletic being the last team in the second division to forfeit their unbeaten record.

87 Coy. R.G.A. had for their opponents the R.E. Reserve. Neither of these teams have so far given any uneasiness to those who are in the front flight of the second division table, and on Saturday's display neither are likely to. The game was not an exciting one, even to their respective supporters, but the players are to be congratulated on the clean way in which they played it, setting an example to teams who occupy higher positions in the same competition, which reminded one of that old adage—"Play not for gain, but for sport."

"Quiz."

THE TIENTSIN STRIKE.

How It was Engineered.

The *Peking and Tientsin Times*, of the 5th inst., says:—The intimidation of Chinese in French employ is being carried on quite openly, and without any interference from the Chinese authorities. It is stated, for instance, that the Strikers' Union in Tientsin has employed private detectives, with the result that several "spies" and "traitors" who conspired against the interests of the Union have been caught. One man, Enchuan, is said to have been arrested "for attempting to injure the Union by sowing dissension among the strikers." "Another spy," the compromiser of a certain French firm by the name of Chen "has been placed under detention by the strikers... He is charged by the strikers as a 'foreign slave' and was caught at a certain theatre the other day." It is contending, of course, to read that "the blacklegs caught" have been "leniently dealt with by the strikers," and have "only" been placed under detention "in order to put a stop to their pernicious activities."

Many of the older, more level-headed, Chinese compradors and business men have consistently held aloof from the boycott agitation. They know that it is an artificial agitation, the chief aim of which is to fill the pockets of the principal agitators, and they also know, from experience, the danger of associating themselves with an illegal movement of this character. It is no exaggeration to say that a very large proportion of the funds alleged to have been "subscribed" for the ultra-patriotic strikers, has been secured by intimidation and blackmail. A case came to our notice yesterday in which a well-known Chinese Compradore who had committed the unpardonable sin of selling rice to the local French garrison, was kidnapped, and retained in custody until he had paid a ransom of ten thousand taels. And many other well-to-do Chinese have allowed themselves to be mulcted in lesser sums rather than incur the unpopularity and personal risk of holding aloof from the boycott movement. A few days ago the house-cook of a well-known Frenchman was found being dragged through the streets of the French Concession by one of the emissaries of the Strikers' Union. And numerous cases have occurred where Chinese servants who still remain in French employment, have been openly threatened by representatives of the strikers.

The acts of "high-handedness" of which the Chinese yellow Press complains consist mainly of the arrest by the French authorities of intimidators caught "in flagrante delicto."

AN AMERICAN VIEW.

Neutrals Believe that Germany is Beaten.

Mr. Charles E. Otis, a New York lawyer, who has arrived in London after a prolonged tour in neutral European countries, called the following message to President Wilson:—

After many months of observation in Europe I respectfully submit my opinion that the only solution of the present difficulty is the immediate severance of diplomatic relations with Germany. The continuance of your present policy will rightly leave America, when peace comes, without a friend among the nations.

In an interview with a *Daily Express* representative, Mr. Otis said he left New York last May, and since then he had travelled through Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Holland. "Wherever I went," he said, "I realised that the leading public men took the view that Germany was beaten and without a friend. In fact, even Germans with whom I came in contact admitted that their country was engaged in a hopeless task, and that they would be glad if the war ended to-morrow. I was also struck by the fact that these Germans expressed themselves bitterly against the Kaiser."

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1916.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND PEACE.

PRIME MINISTER REPEATS THE ONLY TERMS.

BITING COMMENTS ON GERMANY'S SOLICITUDE FOR RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

December 19, 8.45 p.m.

Continuing his speech (the first portion of which appears on Page 1) Mr. Lloyd George said:—"We feel we ought to know, before we can give favourable consideration to such an invitation; that Germany is prepared to accede to the only terms whereon it is possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe. These terms have been repeatedly stated by all the leading statesmen of the Allies. Mr. Asquith has stated them repeatedly. It is important that there should be no mistake in this matter of life and death to millions. Therefore I would repeat them again—namely, complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees. Did the German Chancellor use a single phrase indicating that he was prepared to accept such a peace? The very substance and style of the speech constitute a denial of peace on the only terms on which peace is possible. He is not even conscious now that Germany has committed any offence against the rights of free nations. Listen to this from the Note:—"Not for an instant have the Central Powers swerved from the conviction that respect of the rights of other nations is not in any degree compatible with their own rights and legitimate interests." When did they discover that? Where was the respect for the rights of other nations in Belgium and Serbia? That was self-defence, I suppose, menaced by the overwhelming armies of Belgium—(Laughter).

"I suppose," said Mr. Lloyd George, "the Germans had been intimidated into invading Belgium, into burning Belgian cities and villages, into massacres of thousands of the inhabitants, old and young, carrying the survivors into bondage. They were carrying them into slavery at the moment when this Note was being written about the unswerving conviction as to the respect of the rights of other nations. Are these outrages the legitimate interest of Germany? We must know that is not the moment for peace. If excuses of this kind for palpable crimes can be put forward two and a half years after the exposure, by grim facts, of the guarantee, is there—I ask in all solemnity—any guarantee that similar subterfuges will not be used in the future to overthrow any Treaty of Peace you may enter into with Prussian militarism? This Note and the speech prove that they have not yet learned the very alphabet of respect for the rights of others—(Cheers). Without reparation, peace is impossible—(Cheers). Are all these outrages against humanity on land and on sea to be liquidated by a few pious phrases about humanity? Is there to be no reckoning for them? Are we to grasp the hand that perpetrated these atrocities, in friendship, without any reparation being tendered or given? Germany leaves us to exact damage for all future violence committed after the war. We have already begun. It has cost us much, and we must exact it now so as not to leave such a grim inheritance to our children. Much as we all long for peace, deeply as we are horrified with the war, this Note, and the speech which heralded it, does not afford us much encouragement and hope for an honourable and lasting peace. What hope is given in that speech? The whole root and cause of this great bitterness is the arrogant spirit of the Prussian military cast. Will it not be as dominant as ever if we patch up peace now?"—(Cheers).

After pointing out that the speech in which the peace proposals were suggested resounded to the boast of Prussian military triumph, Mr. Lloyd George declared:—"We must keep a steadfast eye upon the purpose for which we entered the war; otherwise, the great sacrifices we have been making will be in vain."

[The message is still incomplete, their being other sections which had not arrived when we went to press.—Ed. H. K. T.]

Proceeding, Mr. Lloyd George said:—"The German Note states that it was for the defence of their existence and the freedom of their national development that the Central Powers were constrained to take up arms. Such phrases defeat even those who pen them. They are intended to delude the German nation into supporting the designs of the Prussian military cast. Who ever wished to put an end to Germany's national existence, or to the freedom of her national development? We welcomed their development so long as it was on the paths of peace. The Allies entered this war to defend Europe against the aggression of Prussian military domination, and having begun it must insist that the only end is a most complete and effective guarantee against the possibility of that cast ever again disturbing the peace of Europe—(Cheers).

A GERMAN ADMISSION.

December 19, 9.25 p.m.

A Berlin official message states that the French have recaptured Chambrette farm.

THE INVASION OF RUMANIA.

December 19, 9.25 p.m.

A Berlin official message states:—"Russian attacks at Valeputna were repulsed.

We have captured a thousand Russo-Rumanians and many food-laden vehicles in Wallachia during the last two days.

The Russo-Rumanians have continued their retreat northwards in the Dobradja. We are advancing towards the Lower Danube.

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San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	31, Jan.
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Kobe	Tijlajap	J. C. J. L.	31, Dec.
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Saigon, 6th Dec. Rice.—Chinese.
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Swatow, 12th Dec. Rice.—Chinese.
Albians, Br. s.s. 2468, Betta, 14th Dec.—
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Chunyang, Br. s.s. 1406, Matlock, 15th
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Saigon, 26th Nov. Rice.—B. & S.
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P. & O.	Somali		Dec. 24	London
P. M. S. S.	Ecuador		Dec. 26	San Francisco
B. & S.	hemius	6,699	Dec. 27	Liverpool
J. C. J. L.	Tjliwong		Dec. 27	Java
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 28	Kobe
J. C. J. L.	Tjitaroom		Dec. 28	Java
P. & O.	Nyansa		Dec. 31	Bombay
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P. & O.	Malta		Jan. 14	Bombay
B. & S.	Antilo hus	9,038	Jan. 15	Liverpool
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Wed. 20	11.45	5.15	Fri. 22	11.45	5.15
Thurs. 21	11.45	5.15	Sat. 23	11.45	5.15
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K'loon Docks.	a.	\$	129.00.
H.K. Lands.	sa.	\$	96.00.
Shai Cottons.	a.	\$	118.00.
China Prov.	sa.	\$	8.85.
Cements.	b.	\$	11.75.
H.K. Tramways.	b.	\$	6.90.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts
advise us that the Langkat output
is as follows:—

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Total to 19th inst. 1,838

Daily average 99.88

FAMOUS ASTRONOMER'S
DEATH.

Discoverer of the Canals of Mars.

New York, Nov. 13.—The death has occurred at Flagstaff, Arizona, of Professor Percival Lowell, the well-known astronomer.

In many ways Professor Lowell might have been called the American counterpart of the late Sir Robert Ball, the English Astronomer-Royal, for both had an extraordinary gift of popular exposition of an abstruse, but fascinating science.

They took different lines, however, for while Ball trusted only to a clear and pellucid style of lecturing and writing, Lowell's theory of canals in Mars induced, for a time at any rate, more public interest in the state of that splendid orb than in the social conditions prevailing on "Mother Earth."

For a distracted period the world at large was agitated with the question, "Is Mars signalling?" and out of that arose the possibility of replying from our planet to the supposed signals. Nothing came of it.

In spite of much adverse criticism Professor Lowell never abandoned his faith in the existence of a race of sentient beings on Mars, and Mr. H. G. Wells made admirable use of the theory in his brilliant book, "The War of the Worlds."

Yet that Mars may have been dead for a long time, in fact, never have been alive—is an opinion held by many distinguished scientists on both sides of the Atlantic.

One of the strongest opponents of Professor Lowell's theory was that "grand old man of science," the late Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace.

"Mars," he declared with as tremendous dogmatism as Lowell himself, "is not only uninhabited by intelligent beings, but is absolutely uninhabitable."

In April 1910 Professor Lowell delivered a lecture on "Mars and the Martians" at the Royal Institution, but it cannot be said that he succeeded in convincing his audience.

Although he had a world-wide reputation as an astronomer, Lowell was known in America as a minor poet, and he had also been in the diplomatic service, and was a not undistinguished traveller.

SINKING OF THE
ARABIA.How Another Lusitania Tragedy
was Averted.

Marseilles, Nov. 13.—It was no fault of the pirate commander of the German submarine that the tragedy of the Lusitania was not repeated in the case of the Arabia. Only the hazard of a number of fortunate circumstances—a smooth sea, the passing of a few trawlers and the slowness with which the vessel encountered her death wound, saved the 800 passengers and crew from perishing like the 1,500 victims of the Lusitania outrage.

I have just been talking to the first little group of passengers from the torpedoed ship to reach Marseilles, and no one who heard their accounts could fail to be impressed by the similarity of the two crimes. No warning was given to the Arabia to stop. Just as in the case of the Lusitania she was sunk treacherously, and the passengers left to shift for themselves, to drift about in open boats 300 miles from land.

The fact had better be faced at once. Germany has deliberately broken her pledges to America and has chosen to defy the world by sinking at sight everything on the seas regardless of consequences, political or otherwise.

Survivor's Story.
Mr. George Mortimer Gordon, one of the Arabia's passengers who reached here to-day, gave me the following story of the disaster:—

"It was 11.15 in the morning when the Arabia was torpedoed. The sea was as smooth as glass, and nearly all the passengers were on deck enjoying the sunshine. Our ship was making top speed. Indeed, it seemed difficult for a submarine to get us, so rapidly were we forging ahead.

"Stewards were handing round the usual pre-lunch bowls of soup. And then, of a sudden, without the slightest warning of any kind, there was a great shock, a thunderclap, a crash, followed by a moment of strange silence.

"All of us knew what had happened, though only a few had seen the torpedo racing towards the ship a second before it struck her. There was no panic, no cries, no confusion.

"We had several submarine drills during the voyage. We had our lifebelts at hand, and each of us knew his or her allotted station, and the number and position of boat. So quite quietly and orderly all walked to their stations.

"The women—there were 169 women and children aboard—behaved splendidly. I heard one little boy cry out, 'Oh, mummy, is the ship going to sink?' A few went to their cabins to save what they could, but they were exceptions, for none knew how many minutes the Arabia would keep afloat.

All Saved Without Accident.
"Personally I found that my boat had been smashed by the explosion, and I had to look about for another. I got into the last but one to leave the ship, having to haul myself into it hand over arm by the ropes, an exercise which, needless to say, was quite new to me.

"Last to leave was the captain. The women and children were got off first of all, taking their places in the boats before the latter were launched. All the boats were got away without accident, thanks to the smoothness of the sea.

"In the meantime the gunners of the Arabia, sticking to their post, had fired at the periscope of the submarine, which they believed they sunk; I do not know if they really did sink the U boat, for another periscope was seen later near the sinking Arabia. It may, however, have been that of a second submarine.

"In 20 minutes all the boats had got away safely, and we hung about watching the doomed ship, and waiting to be picked up. Some trawlers came up in about an hour and took off the passengers from my boat and from two others.

Liner's Last Moments.
"We still hovered around for the commander of our trawler had an idea that the Germans might attempt to board the Arabia, in order to get her papers, and he was determined to prevent this.

THE COCONUT TREE
TRAVANCORE.

An Interesting Legend.

The most conspicuous feature in the vegetation on the coast of Travancore is the coconut tree. Salt is essential to its growth, and inland it does not flourish. The natives say that the coconut tree will not thrive where the sound of the human voice cannot reach it. This is quite true.

There is a curious legend about the origin of the tree. Hindu tradition says that Kasi Rajah worshipped a supreme deity and made no offerings to inferior gods. In time he became almost equal to these inferior gods and accomplished many wonders. Amongst other things he made many of the grains. At last he desired to make a human being superior to any ordinary mortal. He completed his head, but the other demigods became so alarmed that they persuaded him to cease his work. The head he had made was transformed into a coconut tree, henceforth designed to be one of the most useful of all trees.

More than one writer has pointed out that it is possible to build and rig a boat, and also to load it with bread, wine, water, oil, vinegar, sugar and other commodities all from the coconut tree. Plantain trees are frequently seen growing amongst the coconuts. The plantain tree thrives from the sea level to an altitude of 5,000 feet, and it is always considered as an emblem of fertility.

The leaves are commonly employed in dressing blisters. If the upper surface be applied to the blistered part, the healing process soon takes place; but if the lower surface be applied, the skin over the blister soon peels off rapidly, the under surface of the leaf is applied and this acts as an irritant. Plantain leaves cut into rounds are frequently used as plates by the natives. Hindu temples are always built near the sacred banyan tree.

It is believed that Vishnu was born amongst its rustling leaves. In village communities suspected persons are taken under a banyan tree and made to swear to the truth of their statements. They hold one of the leaves in their hands and pray to the gods to curse them and their families, if what they say is not true.

The St. Thomas Christians say that the Cross was made from a banyan tree, and that is why its leaves have never ceased trembling. The Buddhists assert that this is the tree Buddha loved most when he was on earth, and that therefore its leaves have never since ceased rustling in a state of ecstatic emotion.—Exchange.

"It was exactly an hour and thirty-five minutes after the firing of the torpedo that the Arabia sank. Her list had been very slight at first. For the first half hour, indeed, there seemed little change in her, but then she began to settle down and finally she dipped stern first, her nose straight up in the air, and sank very slowly. Her gradual disappearance was one of the most moving and pathetic spectacles I have ever witnessed.

"The Arabia was struck aft in the bunkers, and I believe it was due to the coal breaking the effect of the explosion that the ship remained afloat so long. Two engine-room men were killed.

"We had a very trying time on the trawler, although the crew were kindness itself. But, as you may imagine, there was no accommodation for such a large number of passengers. We were 48 hours aboard her, and the first night a terrific storm came on, with thunder and lightning. We were tossed about unmercifully, and all were sick. Most of us were lying about on deck, exposed to the cold and rain, and were drenched to the skin. Eventually a sailor was good enough to let me have his bunk and blanket. We were all thankful to reach Malta at last.

None of the passengers saved any of their belongings. Most of them lost all their money and jewellery. One, a member of the theatrical profession, I believe, lost all his professional property, valued at £7,000.

The verdict of the Select Committee was in Mr. Redford's favour. They recommended that the office of Examiner of Plays should be continued, and suggested that an Advisory Board should be appointed to assist him. They did not agree with the suggestion that the work should be handed over to the Home Office.

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LIVELY PEACE MEETING.

Conference Broken up at Cardiff.

London Nov. 12.—Further protests were made in Cardiff yesterday against the Peace Conference in the city. A large demonstration of citizens, headed by Mr. C. B. Stanton, M.P., with bands playing patriotic air and banners displaying patriotic mottoes, marched through the principal thoroughfares. It was originally intended that the demonstrators should pass Cory Hall, where the Peace Conference was sitting, but, to avoid possible disturbance, this was prohibited by the police.

The Peace meeting was held by the National Council of Civil Liberties. The delegates appeared to be, almost without exception, young men of military age, the majority under 30. There was also a fair sprinkling of women. Great precautions were taken to prevent anybody but authorised delegates attending. The meeting was advertised to commence at 2.30, but the doors were thrown open at 2 o'clock.

Mr. James Winstone, President of the South Wales Miners' Federation, presided, being supported by Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., and Mr. Ramsey MacDonald.

Mr. Winstone had hardly begun his speech when the opposition started. The orator came later on during an address by Mr. Thomas.

Despite the police prohibition, a crowd of demonstrators appeared at the two doorways, led by Mr. Stanton and Captain Edward Tupper, of the Seamen's Union. A force fight ensued for the possession of the hall and gradually the demonstrators forced their way in. They rushed through the audience and mounted the platform from which Mr. Ramsey MacDonald quickly disappeared. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Winstone remained to argue with the invaders, but their voices were scarcely heard in the tumult.

The big platform was quickly filled with the excited demonstrators, who waved their flags and sang patriotic songs. The original audience gradually disappeared and the meeting resolved itself into a lively patriotic demonstration.

Mr. Winstone was pelted with tomatoes and mud after leaving the hall. He was protected by the police with great difficulty from the angry mob.

DEATH OF MR. G. A.
REDFORD.For Many Years Examiner of
Plays.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Alexander Redford, who was for 17 years Examiner of Plays. Mr. Redford died in a nursing home on November 10 last, after a long illness.

During the first part of his life he was engaged in a bank, one of the branches of which he became manager. In 1894 he succeeded the late Mr. Pigott as Examiner of Plays, after having been for some years that gentleman's assistant. During that time he is said to have read some 9,000 plays. He spent most of the summer months at his home at Bourne End, and was well known as an amateur on the Thames.

Mr. Redford is chiefly remembered for the stir which was caused in 1907 by his refusal of a licence to certain plays, which evoked a protest signed by A. C. Swinburne, Sir James Barrie, Anthony Hope, George Meredith, Henry James, G. Bernard Shaw, and others. A Joint Committee of the Lords and Commons was appointed, which held an inquiry, and took a large amount of evidence. Mr. Redford told the Committee that, out of the plays which had been submitted to him, 42 had been refused, and 30 permanently prohibited.

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1,500 GERMANS KILLED.

Terrible Disaster in the Fort of
Donauwörth.

The Exchange Telegraph Company has received the following special article from Mr. Henry Wood, United Press correspondent with the French armies at Verdun:—

That about 1,500 German soldiers and officers were killed in a terrific explosion that occurred in the fort of Donauwörth on May 17 has now been established by competent authorities of the French armies. At the time the explosion took place the fort of Donauwörth was being kept under a night and day bombardment by the French of such an unrelenting and unremitting nature that it was practically impossible for a man to leave the fort without being killed.

This bombardment was kept up unceasingly for weeks, and as it was consequently impossible for the few men left alive within the fort, as well as for the new troops who came to take the place of the 1,500 killed, to carry the bodies out of the fort and bury them, another expedient had to be found. The 1,500 corpses were therefore carried into one of the subterranean galleries of the fort, where they were piled up one above the other along the walls from the floor to the ceiling and allowed to remain there until intermittent interruptions in the bombardment during the succeeding week allowed them to be taken out a few at a time and buried.

While the French have been in possession of many of the details of this terrific explosion almost from the day it occurred, it is only since the reconquest of the fort on October 25 that they have been able to verify all the details in such a manner as to leave no the slightest doubt as to the number killed. The minimum figures that have been definitely established are 1,500 dead, while other figures and other evidence increase this even to 2,000.

Up to the present time there is only one important detail lacking, and that is the original cause of the explosion. Whatever it may have been, however, it is known that it was communicated to the huge magazines of explosives and munitions which the Germans had concentrated in the fort, with the most appalling effects.

The reinforced concrete walls of the fort, some of them several yards thick, and with practically no air vents or escapes, retained all of the concussion of the explosion to such an extent that hundreds of the garrison were killed by mere shock alone. Those who survived quickly died of the fumes and gases let loose by the explosions, and which, of course, had no outlet from the long, narrow, walled-in galleries.

Following the occupation of the fort by the Germans they were constructing a tunnel up to the fort from their lines in the rear; this tunnel passing entirely under the fort and then on down towards Verdun. It served to enable the Germans to bring up troops from the rear, pass them under the fort, and on down to the front line trenches towards Verdun without subjecting them to the unceasing shell fire of the French, which would have allowed very few ever to reach the front alive. It was into this gallery and tunnel that the 1,500 dead bodies were carried and stored away.

German prisoners taken even as late as the reconquest of the fort on October 25 still recount the French officers their horrors when, on being sent up the front line trenches at Verdun, they passed through this long tunnel and gallery under the Fort of Donauwörth, where each side, walled up with the bodies, like so many sandbags.

The Japanese Emigrant.

Japanese emigrants in America remitted \$432,774 yen to their home country during the first ten months of this year, according to an investigation carried out by the Department of Communication. Japanese in Hawaii remitted \$1,022,907 yen, "back home" and those in Canada 1,054,111 yen, making a total of 7,080,783 yen.

ROUND THE SHOPS.

SOME HINTS TO PRESENT-SEEKERS.

WHAT "TELEGRAPH" ADVERTISERS HAVE TO OFFER.

Once again, Hongkong's numerous business establishments are wearing their Christmas garb, and it only needs the most casual observation to perceive that a really wonderfully varied stock of reasonable goods has been brought into the Colony. Considering how far removed we are from the producing markets of the world, and that the import trade has been seriously hit by the war, it is a tribute to the enterprise and foresight of local business management that the shops have so much to offer the public. Balm we give, in happy form, a few notes of the various lines which Telegraph advertisers specialise, taking note not only of the seasonable articles but also many everyday requirements on sale by well-known firms this year through:—

The Anderson Music Co.

In the matter of music and musical instruments, the Anderson Music Company stands in the front rank of the Colony's businesses, and at Christmas time, when all thoughts rightly turn to the lighter side of life, music is an almost indispensable enjoyment. The gramophone has evolved from a violation of music to be one of its foremost producers, and the Columbia firm, of which the Anderson Music Company are agents here, has put upon the market some really wonderful productions, a large stock of which Messrs. Anderson now have. Some splendid machines, an almost unlimited selection of records, contributed to by such well-known singers and composers as W. H. Squire, Madame Clara Butt, Ysaye, Sir Henry Wood, Pachman, Sir Thomas Beecham's Orchestra, and George Robey, can be chosen from, and a marvel at the price of the "Little Wonder" records, each perfect in make. These are only \$3.50 a dozen, and, apart from being smaller, are equal to the larger sort. The sheet music of this firm has been one of its strong lines in the past, and just now a very fine collection has been got together, including classics from the old masters and the best modern compositions. The recent arrival of some excellent violins, cases, bows and accessories makes this shop worth remembering when thinking of music for Christmas.

Messrs. Mackintosh and Co.

Noted for the excellence of men's wear, Messrs. Mackintosh make a distinct appeal to ladies who are seeking to present friends with a seasonable token. Many are the goods here to be found which will surely cause the masculine mind to rejoice, and as there is a very big stock now in the possession of the firm one can recommend a visit with confidence. Walking sticks, knitted waistcoats, khaki mufflers and jerseys, plain jerseys, evening dress wear, ties in profusion, and a hundred and one other things claim attention, and, seeing that the firm has no other business on hand but to specialise in men's goods, an undivided attention is brought to bear on the choices they make, which augurs well for quality and style.

The Dairy Farm.

It would be difficult to imagine Christmas in Hongkong without the Dairy Farm to supply their well-known and delectable table dainties. The festive board at this season is one of the main factors which go to make it a happy one, but to be without right good things. These things the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., supply, and this year, as in previous years, they have made special arrangements in the way of poultry, hams, sausages, and many other commodities which are indispensable. All the Company asks from their customers is that they shall make known their needs in plenty of time to ensure their wants being satisfied.

Bijou Theatre.

The Bijou Theatre, which is quite an old-established cinema-graph house, still retains a hold on its patrons. It has recently been re-erected and looks very smart and workmanlike. Its Christmas offering consists of a sensational four-part drama, "The Prisoner of the Abyss," and a three-act comedy, "The Little Middle Estate." There are also some smaller offerings and a war

The Hongkong Hotel.

Enterprise is the watchword of the Hongkong Hotel management, which is ever mindful of the needs of those who prefer hotel life to the worries of running a domestic establishment in a Colony where one is largely at the mercy of servants. Since last Christmas very many improvements have been carried out at this, the premier hotel of the Colony, and, what is more, special pains have been taken to keep up a high reputation so far as cuisine is concerned. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that the hotel is becoming increasingly popular with residents and tourists alike. This festive season special menus will be served, and everything possible will be done to keep up an atmosphere of jollity and good cheer. Recently the hotel has secured the services of a talented orchestra, whose programmes will most assuredly add to the enjoyment of those who patronise the establishment during the Christmas holidays.

"Silver Dish" Hams.

The new "Silver Dish" Hams have recently sprung into much prominence and are gaining wide popularity amongst the European section of the community. The agents for them are Messrs. How Fang and Co. This brand makes splendid Christmas Hams and a guarantee goes with each one. For quality they cannot be surpassed. Householders need not seek farther for a reliable article when here is one right at hand which can be absolutely relied upon. The hams are prepared and packed by G and J. Nickson and Company, of Liverpool and London, and their name alone is sufficient to point them out to a public which likes good things at a very reasonable figure.

Mr. James Steer.

Watches, even the very best, have a nasty habit of going wrong, and any possessing a faulty one should remember that an experienced English watchmaker is to be found in the Colony, who, if entrusted with the work of repair, will be sure to give the utmost satisfaction. Watchmen and clocks of all descriptions, as well as other trifling instruments, can be cleaned and repaired at the workshop of Mr. James Steer, of 4, D'Agall Street, and people who are wary about entrusting their timepieces to the somewhat doubtful workmanship of Chinese firms could not do better than to give this expert a trial.

A Cure for Asthma.

"Sufferers from asthma would not care to have their Christmas spoiled by being confined to their room, but they need have no fear of undergoing such an unhappy experience if they keep a bottle of Nobbs' asthma cure beside them. Mr. Nobbs was for many years a sufferer from this distressing complaint, and he claims to have discovered a radical cure therefor. The remedy can be obtained at Messrs. A. S. Watson's; it sells at \$2.50 a bottle.

Hongkong Theatre.

The Hongkong Theatre, as we prophesied when it was first opened, has come to stay. Summer or winter it is a bright and comfortable little house; the light is good, and the pictures are well chosen. "The Diamond from the Sky"—the big American serial—continues to draw large numbers of spectators. In this week the 14th and 15th episodes are being shown. In addition, the concluding portion of the serial, "They are dead," is to be shown.

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ROUND THE SHOPS.

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Messrs. Moutrie & Co.

It would be difficult to find in the Far East such a fine selection of musical instruments as those kept in stock by Messrs. Moutrie and Company, of Chester Road. Recently they have opened up a new showroom, which is particularly well-appointed, and a new consignment of Weber's baby grand pianos, constructed, like all their pianos, for this trying climate, has arrived from England. They also have the Weber upright pianos, which are noted for the excellence of their tone. Besides this well-known make, Moutrie and Company supply their own manufactured instrument, and have already some beautiful Moutrie's 1917 models, in addition to those by Marshall and Rose and the famous Allison pianos. Moreover, at this store can be found one of the very best selections of gramophone records, dance and song music. The firm are the sole agents for the famous Victrola machines, to go with which they have a fine collection of records and sheet music. When the arrangements for Christmas are being made, Moutrie's should on no account be forgotten.

King Edward Hotel.

A well-conducted hotel like the King Edward scarcely needs to lay itself out to cater especially for Christmas, for the reason that it supplies nothing at any time of the year that is not first class. Nevertheless, in common with other hotels, it will provide special fare on Christmas day. The King Edward is also famed, under Mr. Mitchell's management, for the first-class private dinners that it can put up, and there is no doubt that many such big feasts will take place during this Christmas season.

Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co.
This popular store has gone in for providing the reasonable wants of Hongkong residents with a thoroughness which bespeaks for its customers every satisfaction. Apart from the special display of toys, which is an annual feature of the establishment, goods suitable for gifts to all will be found in abundance, ladies' men, children, and the home generally having been provided for. Some exceedingly smart children's clothing is particularly noticeable, whilst the stock of umbrellas, ties, tablecloths and articles of adornment, such as jewellery, is sufficiently varied to suit all tastes. Being in possession of an extremely large stock in all departments, this firm can guarantee to supply practically all wants which characterise this time of the year.

The Dragon Motor Car Company.

One of the joys Hongkong residents can experience is that of the motor car, and the holiday season can be marked with added enjoyment if a trip is made on the picturesque roads of the Colony in a car from the Dragon Motor Car Company's works. Being agents of the celebrated Overland Cars, of which some splendid models are now in stock, this firm can guarantee a pleasant run. To those about to invest in a car, there is no question that the Dragon Company has a great many inducements to offer, for the Willys-Knight model justly claims to be more pleasing in its proportions, more satisfying in its lines and finish than any picture can show. One could at great length describe the charms of an Overland car, but nothing is so satisfying as an inspection, and the depot at 35, Des Vaux Road Central should certainly be visited.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

There are few firms in the Far East that have, by reason of genuine trading in genuine articles, built up a higher reputation than Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Company, who, ever on the watch to please their many customers, have gone in for a full stock of Christmas goods. Their many departments, all under the supervision of Europeans, are in themselves a quiet testimony to the thoroughness of the arrangements made, for they team with goods suitable for presents or personal purchase. Sports goods, household requisites and decorations, pro-

visions, clothes for ladies and gentlemen, toys and games to delight the hearts of children, and many other things are dispensed here with a completeness born of experience. To recite the many advantages of trading with this firm would only be to tell what is known; suffice it to say that this year sees the establishment in a peculiarly fortunate position to keep up its envied reputation.

A. S. Watson and Company.

Christmas presents often cause a great deal of anxiety before their actual purchase, the thought of what would be suitable giving rise to many speculations. But to the perplexed one, a visit to Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company should settle the question; for here is to be found a selection as varied as anywhere in the Colony, and at a reasonable price. Dainty toilet requisites, perfumes of every kind, useful and fancy articles, together with some exceedingly attractive lines in the stationery way are profuse in their abundance, and all hesitancy should be dispelled by an inspection. Wines and spirits, ales and stouts, and all those goodly Yuletide beverages are stocked as perhaps nowhere else in the Colony, and in the matter of smokes—well Watson's can supply all one may want.

The Alexandra Cafe.

It has been the custom for years past for the management of the Alexandra Cafe to provide special menus for Christmas Day, and this year they are again following that course. The menu which has been announced is an attractive one, and on this day of feasting the Cafe should be largely patronised. In addition to this, the Cafe supplies Christmas puddings, mince pies and Christmas cakes, all of which are made from the very best of ingredients, and under European supervision. Recently there came to hand a large new stock of chocolates in most dainty boxes, and in the way of a small gift nothing could be more calculated to please.

Electrical Necessities.

A. B. The Swedish Trading Company, Ltd., are very well-known as suppliers of electrical necessities, and they are at the present time stocking the Jungner Electric Accumulator, which is noted for its efficiency. It is strong, solid and compact, and may be charged a thousand times without lowering its efficiency and without injury. It is absolutely safe from self-discharging when left loaded and out of use. Salt water has no injurious effect on the accumulator. In short, it is an ideal accumulator for any kind of lighting or ignition device, and those who possess their own power machines should remember this, and also that the A. B. Swedish Trading Company Ltd., are the sole agents for China.

Wells Fargo and Co.

For people leaving the Colony, if there is one thing more than another which tends to produce disagreeableness it is the baggage question. Yet this need not trouble people who avail themselves of the facilities of Wells Fargo and Company, who have had many years' experience in dealing with tourists' baggage and purchases. Traveller's cheques can also be very conveniently cashed. B. Monteith Webb and Company are the representatives in Hongkong, and their offices are at 1A, Chester Road. Those intending leaving the Colony are advised to enter into communication with this firm.

William Powell, Ltd.

To emphasise the obvious is sometimes unavoidable, and thus it is that when one essays to speak of Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., one is forced to say the thing that all know—namely, that the firm deals in goods of excellence only. As each Yuletide comes round, Messrs. Powell provide for all wants in the particular lines in which they trade, featuring a display of children's toys and amusements which leaves no possible lack of choice. In ladies' and men's wear, appropriate goods for presents are on hand, whilst in electro-plate, things to beautify the home, useful articles of household value, and furnishing, a bold display, the inspection of which entices to purchase, is made. This house has a high reputation to sustain, and it does so without doubt.

Gande, Price and Co.

The reputation of Messrs. Gande, Price and Company is very well-known in the Colony. Its well-managed establishment is a place where the very best wines and spirits of every description can be bought at the most reasonable prices. The special cases they are making up for Christmas are most desirable from every point of view. When replenishing the cellar, people should not overlook Messrs. Gande, Price and Company, the management of which will be pleased to assist those in doubt as to the best cases to be made up, if a call is made.

Dodwell and Co.

The firm of Messrs. Dodwell and Company has earned for itself, during the many years it has been established in the East, a very high reputation. It is agent for the well-known Thornycroft and Kelvin marine motors, and for the Standard Life Insurance Company, among many other things. Firms interested in the numerous lines for which Messrs. Dodwell and Company are agents cannot do better than enter into business relations with them, for they may be certain of having their wants attended to with promptitude and courtesy.

The Man Loong Firm.

The leading manufacturers of preserves, soy and ginger in the Colony are undoubtedly the Man Loong firm whose factory is at Yauwatti. Their goods have been known to the Hongkong public for so many years now it is unnecessary to dilate on the excellence of their products, the quality of which is already so widely known. Suffice it to say that all the fruits and gingers are perfectly fresh, and the syrup to preserve them is obtained only from the best sugar. In laying out the Christmas table with dainties residents should see to it that these are made by the Man Loong firm.

E. Hing.

There are plenty of ship-chandlers in Hongkong, but none with a better reputation than E. Hing, whose store is at Wing Woo Street. The general stock kept by this firm is of the very best and complete in every respect. In steel, iron, brass, and metals of all descriptions this firm has dealt for a long time and therefore their experience is at the disposal of all seeking to make purchases in this direction. Ironmongery, of a wholesale and retail kind, forms a large part of their business, and in this department some choice articles, which would form very acceptable Christmas presents, are to be found.

The American Express Company.

Although it may be late to speak of forwarding Christmas gifts abroad at this time, those having the forwarding of any parcel, large or small, on hand should remember that the American Express Company will carry out the whole of the work for them at a most reasonable charge. This firm, which has such an extensive connection in the States, does a large banking business, and acts as agents for tourists to all parts of the world. One of the great advantages in dealing with the firm is that their travellers' cheques are undoubtedly one of the best forms in which to carry money, and a call at their office in Queen's Road Central will elicit all information a tourist may desire to have.

Standard Oil Company.

One of the largest concerns in the world, the Standard Oil Company, has supplied kerosene to practically every country, and in China it has been especially mindful of the value of the large market to be found. Two of their special brands are "White Rose" and "Comet," and these can be purchased in the Colony from Ching Cheong, of 168, Des Vaux Road Central, and Kwong Yuen, of 19, Des Vaux Road West. Gasolene has become one of those products which is essential to the commercial world, and the Company also supply a vast quantity of this spirit, at a price which is compatible with the great demand and high shipping freight.

Colonial Dispensary.

It is not quite a year ago since the Colonial Dispensary opened up business in Queen's Road Central, but since its establishment it has done extremely well, and there is no doubt that it has rendered

a long felt want in the Colony. Purchasers visiting the premises can rest assured that what they receive is the very best, and all articles are sold at a very moderate figure. For Christmas this firm has made special arrangements. It has in stock, besides a large assortment of the most delicate perfumes, a fine selection of electro-plated ware, very useful articles for men, such as shaving sets, and many other things which make extremely useful presents. A large stock of sweets and chocolates of the best makes is on the premises.

The B. A. T. Co.

There will be many happy smokers this Yuletide who will indulge in the fragrant weed, and they should remember, when doing so, that it is the British American Tobacco Company which has in a very large measure made it possible for them to procure such a wide selection of the very best cigarettes, cigars and tobacco. This Company supplies all the leading stores in the City with the best lines in tobacco etc., and it is sufficient for smokers when making a purchase to know that the goods have come from the B. A. T. Company, for then they can rest assured that everything will be all right and that they will have obtained the best of goods.

Alex. Ross and Co.

Engines of all makes, for all purposes, are supplied by Messrs. Alexander Ross and Company, of 4, Des Vaux Road Central. Being agents for the Ford and Hupmobile motor cars, they can supply machines at a reasonable figure which can be relied upon to please all. Motor cycles have been largely dealt in at Hongkong for some time past, and Messrs. Ross and Company, being agents for the Indian make of cycle, will be found to have a machine especially suitable for the characteristics of Hongkong roads. Marine engines are also specialised in, and high or low power engines of various makes can be chosen from.

The Peak Hotel.

For years past, the Peak Hotel has been known as a place where special arrangements are made for the comfort and enjoyment of patrons during the festive season, and this year will be like the others in this respect. The management is taking extra pains on Christmas and Boxing Day to give residents and visitors a jolly good time, and there will be special menus served on those days. Those who in years gone by have made it a habit to take the tram to the Peak, and then have a walk round before tiffin, will do well to drop in at the Peak Hotel and sample the fare, which is guaranteed to be of the very best.

Victoria Theatre.

The Victoria's preparations for Christmas are on quite an elaborate scale. The special matinee usually held on Christmas Eve will this year take place on the Day itself, when there will be the customary drawing for presents. A leading feature of the matinee will be Messrs. Pathé's pantomimic coloured pictures. There will also be a new Charlie Chaplin film and the general jollity will be further added to by the inclusion in the programme of sundry Keystone pictures.

Asahi Beer.

Japanese beer, and more especially Asahi beer, for which the sole agents are the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, has become increasingly popular in the Far East during the past few years, in many cases altogether putting in the shade other brews which had been enjoyed so long that they had almost become an institution. Asahi beer is now often seen on the table, for its qualities have been tried with success and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha have had to keep importing bigger and bigger quantities to meet the increasing demand for it. No table this Christmas will be complete without some bottles of this very excellent beer.

Green Island Cement Co.

The Colony from a building point of view would be in a position to lay waste if not for the Green Island Cement Company, whose manufacturing works are situated at Hangchow. The establishment of this firm in Hongkong has been a great boon, proof of which is given by the ever-growing business, and there is no doubt that it has rendered

public service not only to the Colony but to many parts in the Far East, inasmuch as its cement is of the finest quality obtainable. The price of it is well within the reach of the Chinese contractor, who has no excuse at all for the use of bad mortar when building. The agents are Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Company.

Ruttonjee and Son.

Recently Messrs. Ruttonjee and Son, wine merchants, who have enjoyed a high reputation in this line for many years past, have moved into more commodious premises on Queen's Road, in view of the fact that their business is steadily increasing. They have made special efforts this Christmas to afford satisfaction to their clients, and they invite a call. It is advisable, before purchasing wines and spirits elsewhere, to pay this firm a visit, and inspect the large and assorted stock they have on their premises. If callers come away without making a decent purchase, it will be a matter for wonder.

Sincere Company.

The great multiple shops have come to stay, and their coming has been beneficial in the way of giving to the buyer a chance of making all his purchases without having to wander all round the town in search of the various things he wants. The Sincere Company is a concern of which Hongkong may well be proud, and the way in which it has catered for the Christmas trade is lavish. Presents galore, of all kinds and prices, are to be found, for every department has been made replete with the newest and best of its kind of goods. The fact that the business is a cash one renders it possible for the firm to sell at a cheap rate, and thus, from the pocket point of view, Sincere's should not be forgotten.

Tsang Fook.

Christmas would not be much without music, and good music cannot be procured unless the instruments are in tune. A chief musical instrument in the piano, it is desirable that this should be in absolute tune. Tsang Fook has had years of experience in tuning pianos and organs, and a chit sent to his shop at 99, Wanchai Road will bring his tuner to execute any thing in this line. His charges are low, consistent with the best workmanship. Tsang Fook also undertakes to repair any musical instrument.

Mae Cheong.

This well-known photographer announces that for the holiday season he is making a specialty of reproducing photos on Christmas cards in any style desired, and it is hardly possible to think of any more acceptable way in which to send greetings. The excellence of the workmanship is guaranteed by a reputation, and clients will hardly fail to be pleased. Mae Cheong's collection of views of Hongkong and Canton is, perhaps, unequalled in the Colony, and just now they are being sold at a specially cheap rate, this being an added inducement to local people to get together a collection of pictorial reminders of their sojourn out East.

Thomas Cook and Sons.

Known the wide-world over for the care it bestows on travellers in looking after their arrangements, this firm hardly needs any recommendation to residents in the Far East, probably most of whom have had occasion to be thankful of its existence. For forwarding luggage, in securing passages, and in granting banking and exchange facilities, the firm has probably no serious rival, and those who have occasion to make a journey for Christmas will find that in Messrs. Cook there is to be found an ideal tourists' bureau.

The Station Hotel.

Kowloon, as a residential outskirts of Hongkong, grows in popularity, and the Station Hotel, in Nathan Road, is one of those establishments where residents can be sure of being properly looked after at a reasonable figure. Monthly and family rates are arranged for, and tourists will find the hotel a reasonable one at which to put up. It is situated only a few minutes walk from the Star Ferry, and is under European management.

Hongkong Cigar Store.

Christmas without a really good smoke would be to many men what a Christmas pudding would

be without plums and currants—if such a thing were conceivable, and to the person on the look-out for a smoke of quality there is at least one shop in Hongkong which one cannot afford to let go un-noticed, and that is the Hongkong Cigar Store. Brands of every description, catering for the connoisseur as well as the "ordinary smoker," a stock of pipes, cigar and cigarette holders, and an array of general goods, here find place and only await the choice of a purchaser who is looking for an article of quality at a reasonable price.

Lorley and Co.

Dealing in many lines, from disinfectants to woollens, Messrs. Lorley and Company is as well-known a firm in Hongkong as most, but at the present time its disinfectants should claim attention, seeing the prevalence of small-pox in the City. Known as the ideal disinfectant, Iral, of which Messrs. Lorley are agents, destroys all the germs of disease, and should be freely used by all having the safe-guarding of their health in view. One gallon makes no less than 400 gallons of efficient disinfecting fluid, and, as it mixes with all other fluids, it is particularly adaptable to all uses.

The New Macao Hotel.

The New Macao Hotel, situated on the Praya Grande, Macao, is just the sort of place one staying at Macao would wish to put up at. It was only opened in 1914 under entirely new management, and can now offer for travellers or resident excellent accommodation. Facing the sea, it is well situated, and, replete with every modern convenience, it makes a strong appeal to those who may like to journey from Hongkong to this old-fashioned settlement for the holiday.

Sakura Beer.

The Suzuki Company are the sole agents in Hongkong for the celebrated Sakura beer, which has so well met the demand for a good beer in the Colony. Sakura beer has not attained its present state of perfection without much thought and experimenting, and in view of the care taken in its manufacture there is no wonder that it is one of the most liked beers sold in the Colony. This Christmas large orders have been booked for the brew from people who know "what's what" in a good dinner or after-dinner beer.

Grand Hotel.

At the Grand, as in previous years, extra special tiffin and dinners will be served on Christmas Day. People who tried these last year will not have much hesitation about sampling them again. An additional attraction at the Grand is the excellent music provided in the saloon-lounge during the evening. The house has a very old-established reputation for good cheer, and it is certainly living up to that reputation, whether at Christmas or at any other time of the year.

Roller Engines.

Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co. are the agents for the well-known Roller crude oil engines for marine and stationary work, which are absolutely reliable and which have stood the test of time. They are particularly suited for the Far Eastern climate, and the firm will be only too pleased to give demonstrations in its machinery department to those who are unacquainted with what is one of the finest engines on the market.

Remington Typewriters.

There are plenty of people in Hongkong who would like nothing better than a nice Remington typewriter for a present this Christmas, and these machines are not nearly so expensive as one would imagine, and, more than that, they are permanent presents which will often be used. They combine usefulness with neatness of appearance and by the lucky ones who are able to become possessed of one they are sure to be highly appreciated. Messrs. Masford and Company are the sole agents in Hongkong, and will be glad to demonstrate the machine to anyone who cares to call at their shop.

Graco-Egyptian Tobacco Store.

The Graco-Egyptian Tobacco Store, in Pedder Street, is a firm of wide repute in this line. It is one of the foremost stores in the Colony, and at a large and well-appointed shop good cigarettes, tobacco and cigars can be secured at prices which will suit the pockets

of everyone. In addition, it has a capital selection of cigar and cigarette holders, pipes, smokers' companions and a multitude of other articles which would make splendid presents for the men-folk at Christmas.

The M. B. K. Co.

The coal problem for housewives in Hongkong is really no easy one, because of the high price this commodity is now selling at, and at this time of the year, when a good blazing fire is a comfort not to be missed, all will be anxiously looking round to see where they can best make their purchases. The firm mentioned above, whose offices are at 2, Pedder Street, are retail and wholesale merchants, and, having a very large trade, are enabled to supply the best coal at lowest possible prices.

A Singapore Hotel.

Visitors to Singapore should have no difficulty over the hotel question, seeing that such a splendid establishment as the Grand Hotel de l'Europe is ready to look after them in the best possible manner. As the hotel is under new British management, Europeans can be assured of every attention, and, with the presence of a telephone in each room, modern conveniences have not been forgotten. The situation it enjoys is one of the finest in the town, and the cuisine is really excellent.

N. Lazarus.

One could give a worse present this Christmas-time than a handsome pair of spectacles to anyone who really could do with a new pair. A visit to the premises of N. Lazarus, 28 Queen's Road Central, is sure to be time well spent, and all are sure of having their wants satisfied and their requirements carefully attended to. Everything that a modern optician supplies can be had here in the best possible taste.

The Rope Company.

The growing business of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company is sufficient to show that the firm is supplying a very real need in the Colony. It is many years since the firm opened in Hongkong, and one wonders how the Colony managed before its inception. The firm supplies all kinds of rope imaginable, and the fact that it is manufactured in Hongkong assures of its being sold at a cheaper rate than other material which has to be imported. Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Co. are the agents.

Sington and Company.

Established in 1880, the above firm has enjoyed a high reputation as iron, steel, metal and hardware merchants, wholesale and retail ironmongers, general storekeepers and ship-chandlers. At their large store in Hing Loong Street, west of the Central Market, can be found many articles useful for the home, and to mark the approaching festival some nice addition to home comforts could be made from this store at a price which would be found to be lower than quoted by most other firms of this nature.

Bradley and Co.

Messrs. Bradley and Company, of Queen's Buildings, Chester Road, are agents for the Eastern Asbestos Company, whose product "Aspor" is justly described as the most rational remedy for boiler troubles. In addition to this, they are agents for Malthoid roofing, one of the most satisfactory products in this line.

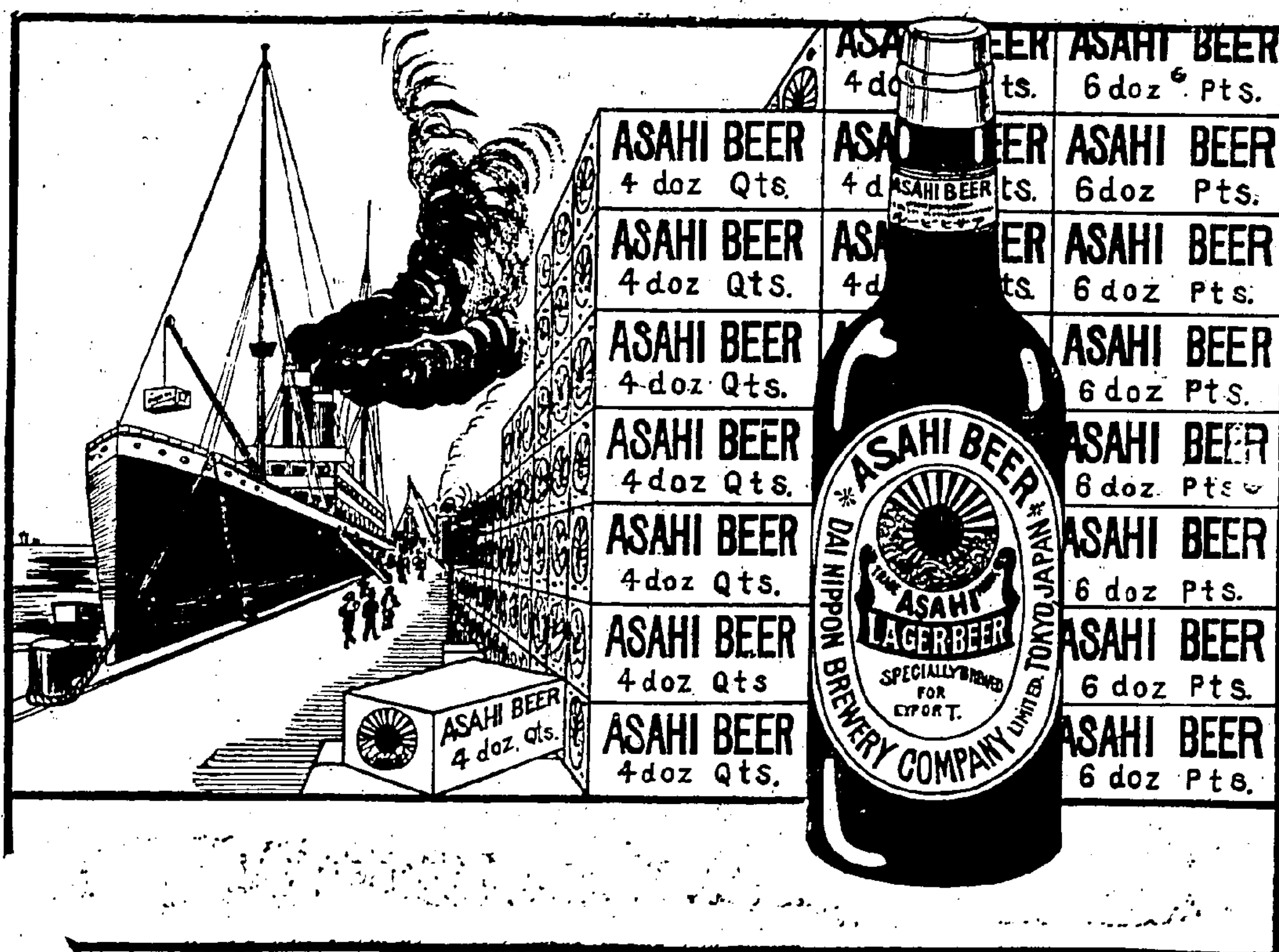
China Provident Co.

Having a paid-up capital of \$1,250,000, the above company, of which Messrs. Shawan Tomes and Co. are the general managers, carry on an extensive business in arranging for loans on mortgage of house property, advances on merchandise, and loans made on the Provident system. Goods are received on storage, and at West Point many large godowns are under the management of the firm.

Lee Kee.

Lee Kee of 21, Wellington Street, is probably one of the best known Chinese contractors in the Colony, having had a large experience in carrying out European contracts. He also does a large business in sanitary appliances, and is a manufacturer of fire bricks, sanitary stone work, and drain pipes. The firm has a large and well-appointed shop, and it pays those interested to make an inspection of its fine selection of materials.

ASAHI BEER.



SOLE AGENTS:—

MITSUMI BUSSAN KAISHA, LTD.,

TELEPHONE Nos. 155 & 236.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:
Sterling
 £1,500,000 at 21/-
Silver \$18,000,000
\$33,000,000

Reserve Liability of
Proprietors \$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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Hon. Mr. R. G. Shaw

CHIEF MANAGER
Hongkong, N. Y. Straits, &c.
Shanghai, & N. B. Banks, &c.
London Bankers, London County and
Westminster, Limited

"Hongkong" Interest Allowed is
On Current Accounts at the rate of 3 per cent.
annum on the daily balances.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 9 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 6 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STABB.
Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by
the HONGKONG ANGLO-SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.
Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS is allowed on the subse-
quent monthly balances at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer, at their option, balances
of \$100 or more to any of our Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank to be placed on **FIXED DEPOSIT** at 4
per cent. per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpo-
ration.

N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF
INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND
CHINA.**

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1815.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.
Paid-up Fund £1,000,000
Reserve Fund £1,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Bankers
business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and **FIXED
DEPOSITS** received for 3 years or shorter periods, on
rates which will be quoted on application.

T. C. DOWNING,
Manager
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912.

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.**

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Head Office 13, Gracechurch Street, London.

Authorized Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed "..... 1,125,000
Paid Up "..... 562,500
Reserve Fund £50,000

BANKERS:
The Bank of England,
The London & Lancashire Bank, Limited.

BRANCHES:

Dombey	Karachi
Calcutta	Kota Bharat
Columbia	Kuala Lumpur
Hongkong	Madras
Galle	Penang
Hankow	Rangoon
Louisiana	Singapore
Kanton	Tientsin
Fort Louis (Mauritius)	

PONGKONG BRANCH.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Interest allowed Current Accounts at 4 per cent per annum on Daily Balances, and on Funds deposited at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. CHAMPKIN,
Acting Manager.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE :
65, Wall St., New York.

LOCAL OFFICE :
74, Bishopsgate, E.C.

CAPITAL PAID UP \$3,250,000
RESERVE FUNDS \$9,981,000
U.S. GOLD \$7,181,000

BRANCHES—

WONGKONG PEKING	
BOMBAY CALCUTTA CANTON CEHU COLON HANKOW	Kobe MANILA MEDELLIN PANAMA SAN FRANCISCO SHANGHAI SINGAPORE TIENTSIN YOKOHAMA

Through its close Affiliation with The National City Bank of New York, the Bank is able to offer the Services of the Branches of that Institution in Cuba and Puerto Rico, Namely:

HAHIA, BUENOS AIRES, HATANA, MONTEVIDEO, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTIAGO DE CUBA, SANTO, SAO PAULO, VALPARAISO,

All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS Transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened, and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

N.E. MARSHALL,
Manager.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1916.

THE
YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK,
LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Authorized Capital Yen 45,000,000
Paid-up Capital .. 30,000,000
Reserve Fund 20,800,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agents—Hankow	Agencies—Nagasaki
" Canton	" Shanghai
" Changhai	" Yokohama
" Hongkong	" Peking
" Kobe	" Tientsin
" Manila	" San Francisco
" Mexico	" Panama
" Nagasaki	" Rio de Janeiro
" Osaka	" Santiago
" Singapore	" Valparaiso
" Yokohama	" Lima

(National Banking Corporation) Ltd.
Incorporated under the laws of Japan.
Capital paid up in full Yen 30,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen 20,800,000
E.B.H.D.O.G. Manager.
Hongkong, 11th Sept. 1916.

NOTICES.

Westminster "Specials."

TURKISH CIGARETTES.

\$1.40
for
50.\$1.40
for
50.

MANUFACTURED BY:-

WESTMINSTER TOBACCO CO.,
LONDON.

SENNET FRERES.

HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDING, QUEEN'S ROAD.
The Leading French Jewellers and Dealers in Fancy Goods.JUST RECEIVED AN ENORMOUS STOCK OF ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER WARE.
Great Stock of Xmas Presents Just Arrived.GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Stewar, Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Clatter Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday the Fifth day of January 1917, at twelve o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at Extraordinary Resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the Fifteenth day of December, 1916, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:-

(1) That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 40,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, to \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars), divided into 300,000 (Three hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint) to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of \$2.50 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Dated this Nineteenth day of December, 1916.

By Order of the Board,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.

EXHIBITION

by
M. KINSEN,the
Well known landscape painter
of
WATER COLOURS,at
KOMOR KOMOR'S

Art gallery.

Open on MONDAY the 16th.
Dec. for five days only.
Mr. KINSEN is on a tour around
the world and now gives Hong-
kong a chance to see and purchase
his wonderful paintings at Messrs.
KOMOR & KOMOR from 8 a.m.
to 5 p.m.

FOR FIVE DAYS ONLY!

BOXING DAY.

MIXED Foursome Handicap
Mid-Play. Players re-
ceive half of their aggregate
Handicaps. Post Entries. Players
may start at any time during the
day.

An Express Train will leave
Kowloon at 10.18 a.m., first class
passengers only.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

SPECIAL DINNER will be
served in the GRILL ROOM
and DINING ROOM on the fol-
lowing days:-

CHRISTMAS DAY.
BOXING DAY.
NEW YEAR'S DAY.
BAND in attendance. Plan of
tables can be seen at Hotel Office.

JEBSEN & CO.

in liquidation.

CREDITORS are required to
send in their claims to the
Undersigned on or before MON-
DAY the 15th January 1917.
Dated the 24th December, 1916.
W. M. HUMPHREYS,
No. 16, Queen's Road, Central.
Liquidator.

NATIONAL MISSION.

A wish has been expressed by
many of those who attended
the Services and Addresses last
week that they would like to
subscribe to the expenses of the
Mission.

Hon. Treasurer Mr. W. M.
Humphreys, 16, Queen's Road,
will be glad to receive any fur-
ther donations from any who
have not subscribed and wish to
do so.

LECTURE AT GOVERNMENT
HOUSE.

CAPTAIN PELLIOU has kind-
ly consented to give a
Lecture on "Central Asia as the
meeting-point of Eastern and
Western civilizations" on
THURSDAY, the 21st December,
at 5.15 p.m.

All those who are interested
are cordially invited.

By kind permission of His
Excellency The Governor, the
Lecture will be given in the
ball-room at Government House.
H. E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, Cdd Volumes Society.



POST OFFICE.

Correspondence addressed to enemy
subjects in China, Siam, Liberia, and
Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Mo-
rocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bul-
garia and the Ottoman Empire are
suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape
D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:-

STANDARD ASTRAL
ARKOW TENYO MARU
AMAZONE TAMBA MARU

MAILS DUE.

Europe (French Mail)-Per ARMAND
BEHIC, 21st Dec.
Europe (via Negapatam)-Per JAPAN,
21st Dec.
Europe (London 17th Nov. via Siberia)-
Per LUCHOW, 21st Dec.

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS
close 15 minutes earlier than the time
given below unless otherwise stated.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Takao &
Amoy-Per BOSU MARU,
20th Dec, 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow & Hongkong-Per HALDIS, 21st
Dec, 8 a.m.

Amoy, Swatow & N. China-Per HOI-
HOW, 21st Dec, 8 a.m.

Bangkok-Per HSINGHANG, 21st Dec,
11 a.m.

Hoihow & Hongkong-Per HONGKONG,
21st Dec, 11 a.m.

Straits & India via Calcutta-Per EUT-
SANG, 21st Dec, 11 a.m.

Chinwangtao-Per YEE M., 21st Dec,
11 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China-Per CHEWAN,
21st Dec, Noon.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan
via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)
Per ARMAND BEHIC, 21st
Dec, Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.

[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Monday, 25th Dec.]

Shanghai & N. China-Per SINKIANG,
21st Dec, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 22nd December.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow-Per HAI-
HONG, 22nd Dec, 11 a.m.

Saigon-Per CHIHILL, 22nd Dec, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 23rd December.

Saigon-Per KASHING, 23rd Dec,
11 a.m.

Batavia, Ceylon, Samarang, Sourabaya,
Macassar, Balikpapan & Port
Moresby via Batavia-Per
BANKI MARU, 23rd Dec,
11 a.m.

Philippine Is.-Per YUENSANG, 23rd
Dec, 2 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China-Per ANHUI, 23rd
Dec, 5 p.m.

Haiphong-Per LOKSANG, 23rd Dec,
5 p.m.

Swatow, Shanghai & N. China-Per
WING SANG, 23rd Dec, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY 24th December.

Swatow-Per HAITAN, 24th Dec, 9 a.m.

Chinwangtao-Per JINJU M., 24th Dec,
9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 26th December.

Australia, Tasmania, New
Zealand & New Guinea via
Thursday Is.-Per EASTERN,
26th Dec, 9 a.m.

Hoihow & Haiphong-Per KAIFONG,
26th Dec, 9 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China-Per SUNNING,
26th Dec, 9 a.m.

Philippine Is.-Per TEAN, 26th Dec,
9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 27th December.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung-
Per AMAKUSA M., 27th Dec,
9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 28th December.

Straits, Ceylon, Delagoa Bay,
Durban, Johannesburg, Cape
Town & United Kingdom-Per
YAMO MARU, 28th Dec, Re-
gistration 9.15 a.m. Letters
10 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via
Nagasaki, Yokohama, Vancouver,
United States, Central & South
America & United Kingdom via
Canada, (Europe via Siberia)-
Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA,
28th Dec, Registration 9.15
a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Saturday, 30th Dec.]

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Chiyohing, Br., ss. 1,192, Jarrett, 19th
Dec.-Hoogey, 17th Dec, Coal-J. M.
& Co.

Drufar, Nor., ss. 1,102, Hirth, 20th Dec.
-Swatow, 17th Dec, Gen.-T. & Co.

Hoihow, Br., ss. 896, Ritchie, 20th Dec.
-Swatow, 19th Dec, Gen.-B. & S.

Jinju M. Jap., ss. 1,704, Takewynage,
19th Dec.-Chinwangtao, 15th Dec,
Coal-D. & Co.

Kwongpang, Br., ss. 1,248, Richard, 20th
Dec.-Shanghai, 16th Dec, Gen.-
J. M. & Co.

Kaiping, Br., ss. 1,840, McFarlane, 19th
Dec.-Chinwangtao, 15th Dec, Coal
-D. & Co.

Mexico M. Jap., ss. 3,549, Tawaguchi,
20th Dec.-Tacoma, 19th Nov, Gen.-
O. S. K.

Sunning, Br., ss. 1,570, Jones, 20th Dec.-
Shanghai, 17th Dec, Gen.-B. & S.

Ulv, Nor., ss. 835, Aawoor, 20th Dec.-
Bangkok, 6th Dec, Rice-Chinese.

Woolwa, Br., ss. 1,236, Pritchard, 20th
Dec.-Saigon, 14th Dec, Rice-Order.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 18.

Hoihow for Canton
Amoy for Marseilles via Haiphong
Trigaris for Palembang

Dec. 19.

Tamba M. for S. Attila via Shanghai
Castello for Hongkong via Weihaiwei
Hoihow for Swatow

Tonyo M. for San Francisco via Swatow
Hoiping for K. C. Wan via Massie

Donax for Balik Papan
Ruichow for Hongkong

Carnarher for V. Westock via S. Attila
Taming for Hoio via Manila

CLEARANCES AT THE
HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 19.

Chunseang for Hongkong
Castello for Hongkong

Tonshime M. for Takao
Kwar gae for Haiphong

Azumasan M. for M. K.
Inamimosa for Saigon

Dec. 21.

Bourbon for Saigon
Ergasia for Saigon

Masapuri for Saigon
Kwongpang for Canton

Jinju M. for Canton
Sunning for Canton

Kwongpang for Shanghai
Saiiki M. for Dairen via Shanghai

Hoihow for Shanghai via Amoy
Yushun for Bangkok

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow-Per HAI-
TAN, 25th Dec, 11 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan
via Moll, Victoria & Tacoma
-Per MEXICO M., 25th Dec,
1 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China, (Europe
via Siberia)-Per SHANTUNG,
25th Dec, Registration 2.15
p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Monday, 1st Jan.]

FRIDAY, 29th December.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Aus-
tralia, New Zealand, Western
Australia, India, Aden, Egypt &
Europe. (The parcel mail will
be closed on Thursday, 28th
Dec, at 5 p.m.)-Per NOVARA,
29th Dec, Registration 10.15
a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung-
Per AMAKUSA M., 27th Dec,
9 a.m.

Chinwangtao-Per JINJU M., 24th Dec,
9 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China-Per SUNNING,
26th Dec, 9 a.m.

Philippine Is.-Per TEAN, 26th Dec,
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 20th at 11.15-Pressure has in-
creased slightly in all districts, except
from the Bonins to central Japan where
it has decreased slightly. It is lowest to
the north of Bonins.

An anticyclone is developing over
China.

Fresh monsoon is indicated along the
east coast of China, and over the N. China
Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 73.1 inches,
against an average of 82.76 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1. Hongkong to Gap Rock... N.E. winds,
moderate to fresh;
fair.

2. Formosa Channel... N.E. winds,
strong.

3. South coast of China be-
tween H.K. and Lamooch... The same
as No. 1.

4. South coast of China be-
tween H.K. and Hainan... The same
as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
December 20, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force. Weather.

Vestock 6a 30.08 sw 1

Measura 5a 30.09 sw 1

Halodate 3a 30.09 sw 1

Tokio 3a 30.11 sw 1

Koshi 3a 30.11 sw 1

Nagasaki 3a 30.11 sw 1

Kobe 3a 30.11 sw 1

Osaka 3a 30.11 sw 1

Naha 3a 30.11 sw 1

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